Ministry does not set up any unit directly in any State, but provides assistance for viable project proposals received from different States. These proposals very in size and nature and, therefore, the quantum of assistance to be extended for these proposals also varies subject to certain limits as has been laid down in the Plan schemes as well as the availability of funds under the Plan schemes.

(c) to (e) For preparation of a national perspective plan for food processing industries, an Expert Committee headed by the Member, Planning Commission and 41 members has been constituted.

Environment and Forestry Development Project in Gujarat

1656. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had undertaken some environment and forestry development projects in Gujarat State including the tribal areas during 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the progress made so far in each case;

(c) the assistance provided in each case; and

(d) the projects likely to be started in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) The details of the Environmental and Forestry Projects undertaken by the Government in Gujarat during the last two years 1993-94 and 1994-95 alongwith achievements, both Financial and Physical, are given in the statement at Annexure. [*See* Appendix 174, Annexeure No. 37]

(d) The Projects are continuing in nature.

पनबिजली परियोजनाओं के निर्माण की मंजूरी

1657. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पर्यावरण के पहलू को ध्यान में रखते हुए किसी पनबिजली परियोजना को प्रारम्भ करने से पूर्व पर्यावरण संबंधी मंजूरी प्राप्त करना अनिवार्य होता है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि सिक्किम में 30 मेगावाट की रथोंग-चू पनबिजली परियोजना यकसम का निर्माण कार्य बिना पर्यावरण मंजूरी के ही आरम्भ कर दिया गया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(घ) क्या सरकार का ध्यान इसके निर्माण कार्य के आरम्भ से पूर्व पर्यावरण संतुलन बिगड़ने से संबंधित अनियमितताओं की ओर दिलाया गया था; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) जी, नहीं। इस परियोजना को पर्यावरण मंजूरी दिसम्बर, 1992 में दी गई थी।

(ग) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Accrual from Road Transport Taxation

1658. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what had been the accrual from road transport taxation during the last three years;

(b) what has been the pattern of disbursement to various authorities out of this accrual during these years;

(c) whether it is a fact that for the Central Sector roads, the allocation out of these accruals have been meagre, despite large requirements for maintenance as well as for new roads etc; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and in what manner the requirements of the Central Sector roads are being met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There are no accruals to the Central Government from Road Taxation. Under the Constitution of India, the taxation on Road Transport is within the purview of the State Government. The revenue collected by way of road taxation goes to the concerned State exchequer and forms a part of the State revenue.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) For the Central Sector Roads, funds are being allocated through the Central Budget.

Proposal for Construction of new Jetty at New Mangalore Port

1659. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whther it is fact that a proposal for construction of new oil jetty and augmentation of existing oil jetty at New Mangalore Port with an outlay of Rs. 300 crores has been sanctioned long back; and

(b) if so, whether the work contract has since been awarded, the progress of the project and the likely date of commissioning of the new facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The Government have approved on 23.6.94 the project relating to construction of a new oil jetty and augmentation of existing oil jetty at New Mangalore Port at an estimated cost of Rs. 238.14 crores.

(b) Contracts for some of the major items of work have already been awarded and the work is in progress. Project is expected to be completed within the sitpulated time period of 30 months from the date of sanction.

Irregularities in Recruitment of Staff to the Mancheswar Railway Workshop

1660. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been serious irregularities in the recruitment of workers and staff in the Railway Workshop at Mancheswar in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details of the cases brought to his notice;

(c) the action initiated by him to put an end to such irregularities; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Satellite Money Order Facility in Andhra Pradesh

1661. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) the number of Cities or Centres in Andhra Pradesh with Satellite Money Order Facility;

(b) the number of new Centres to be opened in 1995-96 in Andhra Pradesh with Satellite Money Order Facility; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) In Andhra Pradesh Satellite Money Order Service has already been introduced at two locations, namely, Hyderabad and Tirupati, where Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSATs) have been installed and commissioned.

(b) and (c) Facility for Satellite Money Order Service is to be provided in three more centres in Andhra Pradesh during 1995-96, namely, Vijayawada, Vishakhapatnam and Kurnool. Benefit of the system will be made available to selected important post offices in the periphery of each VSAT centre through modem telephone line link up.

Sinking of Boats of Indian Fishermen by Sri Lankan Navy

1662. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fishing boats belonging to Indian fishermen were sunk by the Lankan Navy personnel in the high seas on Rameshwaram Coast recently as reported in "The Hindu" dated the 4th July, 1995;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what action was taken against Sri Lankan Navy by Indian Coast-guard to prevent such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI